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POSSIBLE SITE RECOMMENDATION FOR YUCCA MOUNTAIN
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Re: YUCCA MOUNTIAN SITE - NUCLEAR WASTE

Dear Ms Hanlon:

I have lived in Nevada since 1953 and have heard all the disclaimers about the safety of Nuclear Testing Storage, etc. The Government likes to tell us that all they have done is "SAFE".

I have yet to hear how the "Waste" will be transported to Yucca Mountain. How can you consider rail, truck or air safe? We are constantly told about "spills, derailments, crashes" where any and all are considered to be potential hazards to public health.

I read with interest of all the Superfund Cleanups throughout the Country. All of these places were considered "safe" when the profits were going to be high. Now the average American Citizen is going to be penalized for all those mistakes.

Everyone had to know what would happen at the Hanford Site, Three Mile Island, etc. but everyone in Government kept telling us there wouldn't be any harm to the public.

I am sorry to say the creditability is gone and will never be reinstated. There can be no going back when our great-grandchildren see the legacy we have left them.

What ever happened to being "responsible for your actions", why do we allow industry to use up our resources and go away with the money in their pockets while we the people have to foot the bill to cleanup their waste that has been and will continue to be left behind?

Those that created the waste MUST be responsible for disposing of it. WHY IS NEVADA TO BE THE DUMPING GROUND? Is it because we have millions of acres of Federal Land that we have no choice? Is it because we have a small Congressional Delegation?

I cannot conceive of any rational reason we continue to pour billions of dollars testing Yucca Mountain when you can't get there from anywhere without endangering millions of citizens if that site is approved. I have read nothing that says Yucca Mountain is, or ever will be, a safe repository.

I am hopeful there are those making this decision who will use "common sense", instead of the all-mighty dollar mentality, to keep this great State of Nevada from further destruction. We have contributed enough!

A very concerned Citizen,

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